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SUBJ: SEIZED U.S. VESSELS: OFFLOADING PROBLEMS

1. DEWITT REPORTS FROM MANTA POSSIBILITY SERIOUS DELAYS IN OFFLOADING DUE TO LACK OF TECHNICAL FACILITIES. ONLY ONE CHERRYPICKER AVAILABLE FOR REMOVING FISH. ALSO SHORTAGE OF BUCKETS. MANTA HAS TOTAL OF SIXTEEN FISH TRUCKS AVAILABLE, WHICH SUFFICIENT FOR U.S. OFFLOADING. HOWEVER, FISH RUNNING GOOD AND PRIORITY GIVEN TO LOCAL FISHERS COULD REDUCE NUMBERS OF DISPOSABLE TRUCKS DRASTICALLY. EVEN IF ALL NEEDED EQUIPMENT CAN BE FOUND, THREE PLANTS RECEIVING FISH HAVE DAILY RE-PROCESSING CAPACITY OF 40 TONS EACH, THUS SETTING MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 120 TONS DAILY WHICH CAN BE HANDLED. THIS CAPACITY ALSO SUBJECT TO PRIORITY DEMANDS OF LOCAL INDUSTRY. WEATHER HAS BEEN CITED AS POSSIBLE RESTRICTIVE FACTOR, AND IS NOT GOOD IN MANTA AT PRESENT. SOUSA AND GLIGO AWARE THESE PROBLEMS AND DISCUSSING WITH ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS MORNING FEBRUARY 17. SOUSA HAS FILED FORMAL PROTEST WITH ECUADOREAN NAVY AS PRECAUTION IN CASE FISH PREPARED FOR OFF-LOADING SPOIL DUE TO INADEQUACIES OF PORT.

2 THERE ARE NO WEIGHING FACILITIES AT PIER. FISH ARE TO BE WEIGHED AT INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENT PLANTS, RAISING POSSIBILITY OF DISPUTES ABOUT AMOUNT. WE NEED CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS RE USG REQUIREMENTS FOR  
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VERIFICATION BY CONSULAR OFFICERS OF WEIGHT, SPECIES ETC. FOR  
EVENTUAL FPA CLAIMS.

3. CALYPSO HAS DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE AND IS TO BE TOWED TO PIER  
FOR REPAIRS. ARMED GUARDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM BOATS IN MANTA  
AND  
REPLACED BY ONE UNARMED MARINE EACH BOAT. OCEAN QUEEN HAS ALL-  
USC CREW, UNIONIZED, AND THEY HAVE ASKED  
STARKIST REP TO OBTAIN UNION REP FROM US TO OBSERVE WEIGHING IN  
ACCORDANCE US PRACTICE.

4. POSSIBILITY ALL UNNECESSARY CREWMEMBERS WILL REQUEST RETURN TO  
US IF DELAYS OCCUR IN OFFLOADING. COMPANY REPS AWARE OF THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES THIS REGARD. SOUSA, GLIGO AND YULEE INTEND  
TRAVEL TO MANTA FEBRUARY 18 IN CONNECTION THESE PROBLEMS.

5. ZAPATA ENGINEER HAS ARRIVED GUAYAQUIL TO REPAIR JACQUELINE A IN  
SALINAS. IF REPAIRS TAKE TOO LONG, BOAT WILL BE TOWED TO NEARBY PORT  
LA LIBERTAD TO BEGIN OFFLOADING FEBRUARY 18.

6 SALINAS NAVAL COMMANDER GALARZA MET WITH CAPTAIN RICO MORNING  
FEBRUARY 17 AND REQUESTED STATEMENT CONCERNING RIFLE INCIDENT ON  
A K STROM. RICO BECAME VERY AGGRESSIVE, REFUSED TO MAKE STATEMENT,  
AND RETURNED TO BOAT. GALARZA TOLD EMBOFF WINTERS HE SIMPLY WANTS  
DECLARATION THAT RICO HAS INVESTIGATED PROBLEM THOROUGHLY  
AND CANNOT FIX RESPONSIBILITY AMONG CREW. WINTERS ATTEMPTING  
PERSUADE RICO TO PROVIDE SUCH STATEMENT, WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD BE  
CLOSING STEP IN GALARZA'S INQUIRY.

7. NIZETICH IN PROCESS OF PAYING A K STROM FINE, BUT INFORMS FUNDS  
FOR NEPTUNE FINE HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED FROM U.S.

8. IN VIEW ALL THESE PROBLEMS, APPEARS CERTAIN THAT IT WILL BE MIN-  
IMUM OF WEEK TO TEN DAYS BEFORE LAST BOAT CAN HOPE DEPART.

9. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPLY URGENTLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED  
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